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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, ALLOW

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RSO VISIT EARLY FEBRUARY

REF: CANBERRA 0007

1. WE BELIEVE FULL REVIEW POST'S PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN NEAR FUTURE. COMPLETION NEW OFFICES MAKES THIS NOW BOTH POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE. IN ADDITION WE REQUIRE GUIDANCE ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADE PHYSICAL SECURITY POST HOUSING.

2. SINCE CHRISTMAS POLITICAL OFFICER'S HOUSE HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO AND BURGLED ONCE, AND BROKEN INTO BUT NOT BURGLED ON A SECOND OCCASION. ON THE FIRST OCCASION THE THIEF SUCCESSFULLY ENTERED THROUGH THE EASTON CHILD'S BEDROOM WINDOW WHICH FACES THE FRONT OF THE STREET AND IS UNDER A SECURITY LIGHT. THE BARS WERE REMOVED, SCREENS CUT, AND WINDOWS REMOVED. THIEF ENTERED THE ROOM WHILE THE CHILD SLEPT WITHOUT AWAKENING EITHER CHILD OR PARENTS. PROPERTY LOSS COVERED BY INSURANCE. SECOND ATTEMPT WAS ALSO MADE VIA CHILD'S WINDOW AND WOULD DOUBTLESS ALSO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL HAD NOT OFFICER BEEN MAKING ROUTINE ROUNDS OF HOUSE AT MID-NIGHT AND TWO A.M. HAPPILY ONLY BARS AND SCREENS REMOVED.

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3. THESE INCIDENTS, COUPLED WITH PRESS REPORT OF OVER
FOUR HUNDRED REPORTED HOUSE BREAKINGS IN MORESBY DURING
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER INDICATE THAT UPGRADING OF
PHYSICAL SECURITY NORMALLY PROVIDED IN AUSTRALIAN-TYPE
HOUSING OCCUPIED BY STAFF HERE IS NEEDED.

4. PSO WILL RETURN TO POST FEB. 5. WOULD APPRECIATE
YOU VISITING AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THEREAFTER.
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